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TO : Director of Training EYES ONLY

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FROM : Chief, School of International Communism

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report No. 21
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I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

H 1. The cancellation of the 31 May CPO&O is the first for this particular course. There have been postponements previously, but this is the first time that registration has fallen below the required eight. If the program for the remainder of the year goes as scheduled this will mean a total of four CPO&Os during 1960. I'd like to emphasize that this cancellation was not requested merely on the basis of a bureaucratic counting of heads. Since the CPO&O does not involve guest lecturers the SIC Staff could have gone ahead without the required minimum of students. However, I believe that we can use this time more efficiently. During June we have an Introduction to Communism, several tutorials, a very substantial number of external commitments, and a lot more work to do on our JOT program for July.

In connection with the JOTs, [] desk sounded us out on the possibility of sending [] to the CPO&O, before it had been cancelled. Our feeling is that coming so soon upon the regular JOT program this would be quite unproductive. Much of the CPO&O substance is included in the general program. She discussed her problem with [] this morning and as it develops - what the desk is really after is assistance in preparing a study and developing an organized file on [] CP to which task [] been assigned. We offered her SIC's files on this particular CP, and, incredibly enough, she described them as a "gold mine" by comparison with the desk's. I can only hope she has not seen everything in the desk's file which she characterized as a mass of uncoordinated CS reports. We do make an effort to collate the information - and particularly - to collect pertinent finished intelligence and overt studies on every CP, and we have found before that certain branches

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have been lacking in this respect. However, all evidence indicates that the [] is now probably the largest CP outside of the Bloc and it seems almost unbelievable that every important study should not be immediately at hand or at least identified at the desk level.

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2. In spite of the fact that it started on a crash basis the [] tutorial seems to have gone well so far - at least from the substantive point of view. Somewhat as we suspected, however, it is as much a hand-holding as it is a training operation. The trainee was - and still is - quite uncertain about his status. He was handled by an Agency officer [] has been involved with the FBI, was picked up here in Washington by [] from the Pentagon, and now is being trained by officers "connected with intelligence." He appears to be too bright to be fooled by all of this broken field running (he has made numerous references to CIA) - a fact which we have pointed out to the [] and which they apparently intend to rectify. [] has also put the case officer in touch with ICG and TSS in order to enable him to round out the trainee's program until he goes [] for his tradecraft training. One rather distracting note in the whole operation has been the constant presence of Mrs. trainee garbed in a pair of tight-fitting treader pants!

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3. Tutorial Training:

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